(a) whether any committee has been constituted by Government for new population policy; and

(b) if so, the details of members of the committee so constituted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM): (a) to (b) The National Population Policy 2000 provides for setting up of a National Commission on Population to be presided by the Prime Minister. This Commission is being constituted.

The members of this National Commission on Population will include Chief Ministers of all States and Union Territories and the Cental Minister in charge of Department of Family Welfare and Central Ministers from other concerned Ministries and Despartments. Additionally, the National Commission on Population will also have other members, such as reputed demographers, public health professionals and NGOs. The National Commission on Population will oversee and review implementation of Policy. The secreatriat for the National Commission on Population will be provided by the Department of Family Welfare, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

Additionally, three other structures have been recommended in the National Population Policy, 2000. These are:

(i) State level Commissions on Population, headed by the Chief Minister.

(ii) A Coordination Cell within the Planning Commission.

(iii) A Technology Mission within Department of Family Welfare.

Epilepsy Expert in Rishikesh

3715. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH "SURYA": Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a person claiming to be an expert in epilepsy in Rishikesh has been declared as quack by a term of Indian Medical Association;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to take any action against him;

(c) if so, by when and the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM): (a) A team of doctors was

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deputed by I.M.A. to Rishikesh on 31st January, 2000 to look into the working of Dr. R.K. Gupta who has been advertising in newspapers about his claim of treatment and complete cure of Epilepsy. I.M.A. found that Dr. Gupta's newspapers advertisement was in clear violation of medical ethics; as he was soliciting payments, using ayurvedic medicine having no proven effect on patients of Epilepsy and giving antiepileptic drugs, in very high doses, which are toxic and dangerous.

(b), (c) & (d) The complaint of I.M.A. against Dr. R.K. Gupta of Rishikesh was brought to the notice of Medical Council of India and the Central Council of Indian Medicine. The Central Council of Indian Medicine has requested the Controller, Bhartiya Chikitsa Parishad, Lucknow to examine the whole matter and take appropriate action against Dr. R.K. Gupta, who is registered under that Council, under the Indian Medicine (Standards of Professional Conduct, Etiquette & Code of Ethics) Regulations, 1982, framed under Indian Medicine Central Council Act, 1970.

Health-Care Facilities for Senior Citizens

3716. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of citizens above the age of 65 years in the country is increasing;

(b) whether the Census Commission of India conducted any study in this regard; if so, with what results;

(c) whether Government have formulated any scheme for their health-care free check-up facilities;

(d) the yearly budget allocations made during 2000-2001 and amount spent on each such citizen since 1998-1999;

(e) the amount provided to Delhi, Rajasthan and Orissa this year as compared to previous years; and

(f) whether the amount sanctioned was utilised properly; if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM): (a) and (b) As per Registrar General of India, Census date from 1971 to 1991 reveals that the number and